

AMONG THE EXCHANGES OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

Shoshone to Nez Perce.
According to returns received from the precincts of the south end of the county the question of annexing that portion of Shoshone county to Nez Perce county carried by a majority of 123 votes, says the Wallace Tribune. The vote for annexation was 426 for and 297 against. Pendleton precinct gave a majority of 14 for annexation, while Pierce gave a majority of 53 against the proposition.

The northern portion of Shoshone county had no voice in the matter at the election, nor did Nez Perce county. The southern end of Shoshone county alone voted on the question, and annex to Nez Perce. The territory involved comprises about half the area of Shoshone county. The total area of Shoshone county is about 4,400 square miles, and the area of the section involved is 2,200 square miles.

Although the district contains about half the area of the county, it is much smaller in population and wealth. About one-tenth of the population of the county resides in the northern part.

Diamonds in the Bitter Root.
William Carson, a miner from the northern end of the Bitter Root range of mountains in Montana, arrived in town yesterday on his way to Chicago, where he says he will buy himself in securing \$10,000 with which to buy machinery to use in developing a diamond mine located in the mountain fastnesses of Montana, says the Helena Independent.

Carson had with him a case filled with the blue clay matrix, which, he says, contains diamonds in wonderful richness.

In a buckskin bag which he carried around his neck he had 47 cases, some of the larger of which were about the size of big beans, and the smaller running down to pin-heads.

Columbia Southern Not Sold.
Upon his return from the East President Lytle announces that those messengers are again juggling with the truth, and that there is absolutely nothing to the report that he

went East to make arrangements to sell the Columbia Southern. He also says there is little doubt of its extension in the near future, when Bend will be the terminus. The building of the road to Bend will more than double the present length of the road, which is 70 miles, running from Biggs to Shaniko. The distance which will be covered from Shaniko to Bend is 100 miles. Bend is now growing rapidly owing to extensive irrigation works which are being constructed there.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Wealthy Farmer Killed.
Word has just been received here that John Drew, one of Garfield's wealthy farmers, was instantly killed at his ranch five miles east of Garfield this evening, says the Garfield Enterprise.

Details are meager, but it is learned that Mr. Drew had been gathering fruit from his orchard and that his team ran away. It is supposed he fell from the wagon and that it passed over him. When found he was dead, with his head horribly crushed.

Mr. Drew was about 45 years of age, and owned a large estate. He had farmed here for many years, and at all times had been successful.

New Chemical Engine.
Hood River is to have fire protection which will surely be a great relief to those who have expended so much in building homes there. Friday evening the fire and water committee of the city council was instructed to purchase a double, 25-gallon chemical fire engine. The engine will cost \$1100. A movement has already been started to organize a volunteer fire department.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Shortage of Fuel.
The Blue Bird Company has run against the wood proposition and as they have not a sufficient quantity of fuel have been compelled to stop the compressor and lay off a number of miners. However, several men are still working in the stopes, and the stamps are still dropping. It cannot be stated just how long it will be till wood can be obtained.—Granite Gem.

WASHTUCA PROJECT DEAD.
Reclamation Department Holds Back on Big Irrigation Scheme.

A special from Washington to Spokane, in regard to the Washtuca irrigation project, says:
Acting Chief Engineer Davis of the reclamation service today ventured an opinion that if the O. R. & N. railroad company did not co-operate with the department on the Palouse project that project would be abandoned.

Mr. Davis said moving and relaying of tracks at the Washtuca coulee would cost over \$200,000, and that to his mind this figure was prohibitory. He admitted, however, that the matter of authorization of the work rested with Secretary Hitchcock, and added that this was merely his private opinion on the controversy.

He is in favor of having the O. R. & N. bear its just proportion of the expense that would be incurred by the removal of tracks for a reservoir site, as the company would be a great beneficiary after the project was completed.

Engineer Savage's report on the Palouse project is now on Secretary Hitchcock's desk, but the official when approached further than to say the matter will be taken up shortly, refused to discuss the report and the accompanying observations of the chief engineer.

Alarmed at Socialism.
D. M. Parry, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, has declared that the largely increased socialist vote did not surprise him in the least. He said he had been watching the movement closely and was convinced several months ago that the socialist vote would show great gains throughout the country.

He ascribed the increase to the realization on the part of trades unionists that the force method of raising wages would be a thing of the past, owing to the development of the employers' movement; that others voted the socialist ticket as a protest against the manner in which the small investor had been treated by certain corporations; that the socialists had been carrying on a very extensive propaganda work in the last four years, and that the personal magnetism of Debs also had something to do with the large socialist figures.

Mr. Parry says there must be sound economic education along broad national lines to offset the heresies of socialism, and that there must be certain reforms in the administration of corporate properties by which the general public can be invited to become shareholders in the large corporations with a feeling of perfect security that their interests will be protected. Unless these two things are accomplished, he thinks that the socialist vote will continue to increase in importance.—Exchange.

Secured Stay of Sentence.
New York, Nov. 15.—Philip Weinberger today secured a temporary stay of his sentence and will remain in the Tombs until November 18, when the stay order is returnable.

John H. Hall Reappointed.
Washington, Nov. 15.—The president today reappointed John H. Hall district attorney for Oregon.

The truth, children, is that sleeping beauty slept with her mouth open and snored.

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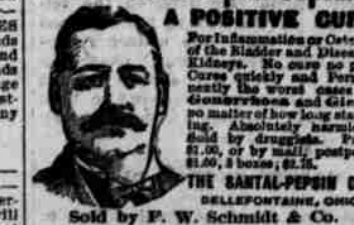
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